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## Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

(Insert Title) TIRE FORMING SYSTEM AND TIRE FORMING METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as PCT International Application  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application(s) for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page)	<u>11-348094</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>07/12/1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Filing Date)
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☐ See attached list for additional prior foreign or provisional applications.

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(List prior U.S. Applications or PCT International applications designating the U.S.)

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(See Note C on back of this page)

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